

End of October

Family Movie Night had 5 children and 1 adult attendee. *Family Pumpkin Decorating* had 2 children and 3 adult attendees. Everyone who attended gave very positive feedback. We would like to continue partnering with the Beattie-Powers Place for future programming. Their location is beautiful and their Board has been kind and enthusiastic! I believe more aggressive advertising (and partnering with other organizations) will help build up these types of events. I want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank Story Farms for donating the pumpkins for our program.

Our Halloween goodie bags were very popular. We prepared 75 bags to give away and have now given away all but 2. Even a week after Halloween, children are excited to pick up the few extras we have. This is a better result than last year when we ended October with so many goodie bags we donated them.

November

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) has kicked off. This is our second year running programs associated with NaNoWriMo. We have a teen program this year called the 'Young Writers Program', which has official NaNoWriMo branding. We're running this program as a weekly creative writing club on Wednesday evenings. We've had a consistent 2 attendees each week so far. Along with the attendees, we've given out 6 'writing kits' which include notebooks, stickers, pencils, a calendar, and writing prompts.

We started our *Fairytale Science Club* program this month for our elementary-aged patrons. In our first meeting we had 4 children and 4 adult attendees. We read *Three Little Pigs* and tried to build houses out of straw, craft sticks, and clay! Everyone had a great time and we received lots of positive feedback from children and adults (as well as registrations for upcoming weeks).

I believe adjusting our programming hours to be later in the evenings has helped increase attendance at all ages.

Upcoming

End-of-November: Caroline, Dale and I have several outreach meetings planned for November and December. The 2023 Summer Reading theme is "All Together Now" with an emphasis on 'Community'. My goal is to work with the community organizations we've started relationships with in the last year to create joint programs and librarian visits.

December: We have two more *Fairytale Science Club* sessions planned for Catskill, as well as a 'free craft' week during which patrons are welcome to come in and make whatever they want using our extra craft supplies. We ran this program in September and have had our regular teens ask us when we'll be doing it again. We are also hiring Rick Stromoski for another art program at the end of December because of how popular his program turned out to be. We're looking at the last week of December when classes are out!

